



# EMC News

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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

*Submitted by Ashley Miller*

In its effort to educate the public, as well as the EMC, the Education Committee is planning four programs a year on subjects of local environmental importance. These would be the centerpiece of regularly scheduled EMC meetings, the 30-45 minute block reserved for expanded presentations. We would like to initiate a structure, beginning in June, of presentations in March, June, September and December.

For EMC's June meeting, there will be an update from the Water Resource Council and other stakeholders on the timely and important subject of new strategies in monitoring at this end of the lake. This includes such topics as tributaries, the city's treatment plant, and Lake Source Cooling.

We hope to attract the public to these educational programs with a publicity blitz distributed by the county's communications officer for events listings, notices and articles.

## TOWN OF ITHACA REPORT

*Submitted by Larry Sallinger*

In addition to the Ithaca College Athletics & Events project, the town Planning Board is considering a 106 +/- unit town home subdivision on Rt. 96. The land is zoned variously as Low & Medium Density Residential and Conservation Zone. It is expected that the Conservation Zone will remain undeveloped and that a portion of the property will be acquired by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in conjunction with development of the future Black Diamond Trail.

The winner of the 2007 Richard B. Fischer Environmental Conservation Award is Ithaca College's Natural Lands Committee. The ICNL's major focus is to utilize the undeveloped sections of the campus property as a teaching resource. The committee is made up a broad array of Ithaca College faculty, staff, administration and students.

The Richard B. Fischer Environmental Conservation Award is given annually by the Town of Ithaca to a person or organization that has advanced the cause of conservation in the town. Nominations are received by the Conservation Board in December and January and the award is customarily presented in April or May with a tree planting in the recipient's name at one of the town's parks.

## NO COMMITTEE REPORT SUBMITTED

*Air Quality*

*Consumer Products*

*Energy*

*Environmental Review*

*Invasive Species*

*Unique Natural Areas*

*Website*

## Upcoming EMC meetings!

May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

June 11<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>

At the Transit Center

Members: Remember to notify the Chair if you will be absent!

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